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COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Monday, January 30, 2006 - 10:00 A.M.

Milwaukee County Courthouse - Room 201-B

MINUTES

**CASSETTE #: 6; Side B 603 to EOT
7; Side A 001 to 518**

PRESENT: Supervisors Dimitrijevic, *Nyklewicz, Borkowski, White, McCue, Weishan, Holloway (Chair)

*Supervisor Nyklewicz was not present at the time of roll call; however, he appeared shortly thereafter.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. 0611 Update on proposed Airport Authority legislation. **(INFORMATIONAL, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

APPEARANCES:

Roy de la Rosa, Director, Intergovernmental Relations
Terri Perry, City of Milwaukee, Intergovernmental Relations
Jim Villa, Chief of Staff, County Executive's Office

- 6/B-617 Mr. de la Rosa stated that as of this morning, a specific bill of legislation has not yet been introduced. He indicated that it is expected to happen at any time and there is concern that a public hearing will be held quickly. Once the legislation is introduced, given the very limited amount of time that's left, there will be a very small window during which this legislation can be introduced and passed. Mr. de la Rosa wanted to put everyone on notice that, conceivably, there may be a very short notification period relative to the Committee's assistance and participation.

The concept, as explained by Mr. de la Rosa, is moving forward with a bill that would basically put the governance of the airport under an appointed authority consisting of members that would be selected by the Governor and the County Executive. This is something that was not solicited by the County. Supervisors raised concerns at meetings with the authors of the legislation. A letter was signed by 17 of the 19 County Supervisors opposing this concept, which was forwarded to the legislature and to the authors of the bill. Intergovernmental Relations also sent a letter to the authors reiterating that this legislation was not requested or wanted but more importantly, focusing in on the items where their

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

assistance is wanted and needed; specifically, Court funding, social services, and transit. Mr. de la Rosa informed the Committee that as soon as legislation is introduced, everyone would be notified immediately.

- 6/B-655 Ms. Perry indicated that the City's Judiciary and Legislative Committee will be meeting and a position will be taken. At that point, there will be direction to work with Mr. de la Rosa, Ms. Bablitch, and other legislators in the State on this matter. Once that meeting takes place, the information will immediately be forwarded to the County's Intergovernmental Relations Department.

Questions and comments ensued.

- 6/B-700 Supervisor Nyklewicz provided the Committee with copies of an open records request and response (copy attached to the original minutes) and explained that the request was submitted to Representative Stone. The letter gave a tentative date of February 6, 2006, as a timeframe to receive said records. The Representative's response indicated that the information requested would be forwarded as soon as is practicable.

- 7/A-104 The Chairman stated that he met with the President and Vice President of Midwest Airlines who indicated they had absolutely nothing to do with the proposal. Committee members suggested that the Chairman get a letter of endorsement stating that exact same thing in support of Milwaukee County and the County's position from Midwest Airlines for the Intergovernmental Relations team to take to the State government. The Chairman agreed to request such a statement in writing.

- 7/A-201 When asked, Mr. Villa indicated that the County Executive's Office has not yet taken an official position on this matter.

The Committee took no action regarding this informational report.

2. 06-10 From Director of Intergovernmental Relations, regarding update on legislative matters. **(INFORMATIONAL, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

APPEARANCES:

Roy de la Rosa, Director, Intergovernmental Relations
Terri Perry, City of Milwaukee, Intergovernmental Relations
Jim Villa, Chief of Staff, County Executive's Office

- 7/A-214 Mr. de la Rosa provided the Committee with updates on significant legislative items, which included Assembly Bill 636, Court funding and Assembly Bill 680, 13.10 procedures, the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, the Conceal and Carry law, and

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

earmarking requests.

Mr. de la Rosa stated that Assembly Bill 636, a County legislative item, passed both Houses of the Legislature and is on its way to the Governor. This Bill basically increases the 7 to 14 days time period by which the Sheriff is to serve restraining orders in cases of harassment and child abuse. This legislation mirrors the timeline for domestic violence restraining orders. It is an item that was requested by Family and Children's Courts.

Mr. de la Rosa discussed Assembly Bill 680, which is the perennial Small Claims Bill. This Bill would increase jurisdiction of Small Claims from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Additionally, the legislation as introduced would create another unfunded mandate and increase the workload to Small Claims, which is run by Court Commissioners who are on the County tax levy. This would exacerbate the Court funding situation. Because counties raised numerous concerns, the author attempted to move forward with legislation that would still increase the threshold from \$5,000 to \$10,000 but would allow counties, for the first time, to participate in a Circuit Court surcharge that in the past has always gone to the State. Although this is a slight improvement to the Bill, it is not enough.

There was mention by a Committee member of a 13.10 procedure that relates to Guardian ad Litem. Mr. de la Rosa explained the 13.10 procedure by stating that this would have to be introduced and requested by the Department of Administration to the Joint Finance Committee. Both co-chairs of Finance would have to agree to bring the proposal from the Department of Administration to the Joint Finance Committee. These are emergency measures that are brought up before the Committee in which they identify funding sources. There would have to be a majority vote in support of this item for it to be passed and move forward to the Governor. Once that takes place and is approved, it does not have to come back to the legislature.

7/A-314 The Chairman requested an updated information sheet from Mr. de la Rosa for all Committee members to have in front of them when making calls to legislators and aides.

7/A-317 Mr. de la Rosa commented on the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, which he referred to as a new development. He explained that legislative leadership, particularly in the Senate, is going to change their approach in dealing with Taxpayer Bill of Rights by looking at revenue caps. It would take the form of a Constitutional Amendment, and it would limit revenues that State and local governments could collect. Under the plan, State and counties would increase revenues equal to the combination of the increase in population plus inflation. There would also be caps placed on municipalities and cities. That would be a different formula. As opposed to looking at the expenditure side, which is what originally started the

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Taxpayer Bill of Rights, now they're beginning to shift and look at the revenue side.

Questions and comments ensued.

- 7/A-411 Mr. de la Rosa addressed the Conceal and Carry Law stating that it has already passed through the Senate and will be before the Assembly. There were attempts to make exemptions relative to parks, zoos, City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Summerfest, and State Fair Park. Those attempts have failed.

Questions and comments ensued.

- 7/A-442 Mr. Villa indicated that the County Executive's position would be that it is important for the legislature to decide.

- 7/A-459 Ms. Perry indicated that the City of Milwaukee joins the County in passionately lobbying against this Bill.

- 7/A-495 The last legislative matter that Mr. de la Rosa touched base on was earmarking requests. He stated that Milwaukee County was solicited to submit earmarking requests for federal funds. A quick meeting with the Department of Administration was held in which, through department administrators, departments were solicited to put in their prioritized list of federal earmarking requests. The Federal earmarking requests have been submitted.

The Committee took no action regarding this informational report.

STAFF PRESENT:

Roy de la Rosa, Director, Intergovernmental Relations

Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director, Intergovernmental Relations

Steve Cady, Research Analyst, County Board

This meeting was recorded on tape. The official copy of these minutes is available in the County Board Committee Services Division.

Length of meeting: 10:15 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

Adjourned,

Jodi Wapp

Committee Clerk

Committee on Intergovernmental Relations